

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are active. The claims have been revised for clarity. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration of this amendment and allowance of this application are now respectfully requested.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot in view of the amendments above.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot in view of the amendments above.

Rejection—35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 2 and 8-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot in view of the amendments above.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

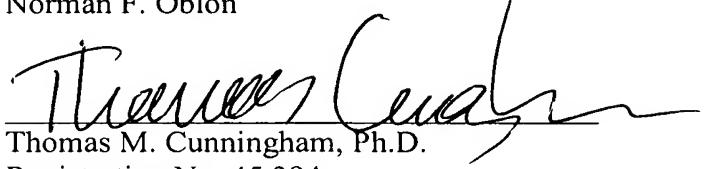
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